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## MANY EXHIBITS REACH ARMORY

### HUNDREDS WORK TO COMPLETE FAIR IN TIME

STREETS FILLED WITH LUMBER,  
FILES OF CANVAS AND LITTER,  
BUT MANY WORK LIKE  
BEAVERS.

EXHIBITS COME IN EARLY

Committees busy receiving displays  
at Armory; Assurance That Live  
Stock Feature Will Be Praise-  
worthy; Political Speakers Secured  
for Each Day; Carnival at Close.

**School Prizes.**  
Attention of school districts is  
called to the cash prize of \$25  
offered for the school district  
having the best general exhibit.  
The school that has the largest  
number of pupils in the big pa-  
rade on Friday afternoon, in per-  
centage of their total enroll-  
ment, will also be given a prize.  
Dallas districts are barred from  
this competition.

With the opening day of the first  
annual Polk County Fair but two days  
distant it may be truthfully said that  
conditions just now in Dallas are re-  
spectable. The streets are in a  
state of chaos. The streets are  
piled with lumber, with rolls of can-  
vas and other litter, gangs of men are  
striking electric light wires for de-  
corative and other purposes, other  
workmen are busy with the arrange-  
ments for placing the various shows  
in order and ready for business,  
while others are erecting the exhibit  
tents for the smaller animals and the  
poultry.

Over at the armory another set of  
workmen are busy with saw and ham-  
mer building display booths for the  
exhibits, and in another portion of  
the building committees are receiving  
exhibits, which are already numerous  
and growing more so every hour. But  
rapidly, order is appearing, and it is  
freely predicted that everything will  
be practically in position by Thurs-  
day morning. Several of the mercantile  
establishments are displaying the  
school colors, blue and gold, in pleas-  
ing combination, and the touches of  
color lend a carnival aspect to the ap-  
pearance of the city.

**Exhibits Arriving.**  
Agricultural and crafts ex-  
hibits began arriving Monday and a  
committee at the armory had plenty  
to do in receiving and caring for  
them. Still more have rolled in to-  
day, and tomorrow it is expected that  
the receipts will simply swamp the  
committee.

There is no doubt, also, that the  
livestock portion of the fair will be  
representative of Polk county. Up to  
Monday noon there were no animals  
from E. V. D. Paul of Buel;  
E. T. Evans, of Monmouth; S. T.  
Smith, Smithfield; D. F. Burge, Dal-  
las, all horsemen. These men had al-  
ready conferred with the committee  
and announced the intention of  
bringing their blooded animals to the  
fair, and there are several others who  
have been reported as being probable  
exhibitors. It is the same in cattle,  
and the sheep, goats and swine de-  
partments—good displays, it is be-  
lieved, will be shown in all of them.

Secretary Winnie L. Braden, of the  
Polk County Poultry association, says  
that she has received many applica-  
tions for entry blanks and it is ex-  
pected that the association will make  
a creditable showing.

**Location of Exhibits.**  
The horses and cattle will be shown  
in the D. J. Riley building on Wash-  
ington street between Main and Jeffers-  
on; the sheep, goats and swine in  
pens under tent covers stretching  
from Court to Washington on Main  
street and the poultry tent will be lo-  
cated on the vacant lot at the north-  
west corner of Main and Washington  
streets. The school children's exhibit  
and the other agricultural, arts and  
crafts, and miscellaneous exhibits,  
will be found at the armory, corner of  
Church and Mill streets.

**Political Days Arranged.**  
The various speakers who will ad-  
dress the crowds upon the merits of  
the political situation from the stand-  
point of four national organizations,  
have been secured, and definite ar-  
rangements for their meetings have  
been made. Thursday, October 3,  
Democratic day—address by Senator  
Chamberlain of Oregon, at 2:30 p. m.;  
Friday, October 4, Progressive and  
Prohibition day—address by B. Lee  
Paget, Prohibition candidate for  
United States senator, 7:00 p. m.; by  
J. Frank Burke, of Portland, for the  
Roosevelt party, Saturday, October  
5, Republican day—address by Wal-  
lace McCammett, of Portland, 2:45  
p. m. All of the above speeches will  
be made from a bandstand on the  
court house plaza, unless weather

## Complete Program For First Polk Fair

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Democratic Day—Forenoon.

10:00 a. m. Formal opening of Fair at the Armory.  
10:30 a. m. Band Concert at the Armory.  
11:30 a. m. Balloon Ascension.

Afternoon.

1:30 p. m. Automobile parade. Parade starts from the public  
school building, corner Ash and Main.  
2:30 p. m. Free open air attractions. Court house plaza.  
3:30 p. m. Address by Senator G. E. Chamberlain. Band stand, cou-  
rt house plaza.

Evening.

7:30 p. m. Band Concert, court house plaza.  
8:00 p. m. Free open air attractions, court house plaza.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

School Day, Progressive and Prohibition Day—Forenoon.

10:00 a. m. Lecture and demonstration on Horticulture, at Armory.  
10:30 a. m. Band Concert, at the Armory.  
11:00 a. m. Balloon Ascension.

Afternoon.

1:30 p. m. School Children's parade. Starts from public school build-  
ing, corner Ash and Main streets. Every school in the county represented.  
2:30 p. m. Free open air attractions, court house plaza.  
3:30 p. m. Address by B. Lee Paget, Prohibition candidate for U. S.  
Senator.

4:00 p. m. Address by Hon. J. Frank Burke, of the Progressive  
party.

Evening.

7:30 p. m. Band Concert, court house plaza.  
8:00 p. m. Free open air attractions and street sports.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Republican Day—Forenoon.

10:00 a. m. Special work in Horticulture, at Armory.  
10:30 a. m. Street sports on Court street.  
11:30 a. m. Balloon Ascension.

Afternoon.

1:30 p. m. Livestock Parade, starts from public school building.  
2:30 p. m. Free open air attractions, court house plaza.  
3:00 p. m. Parade of decorated baby carriages for prizes, and Baby  
Show, court house plaza.

3:45 p. m. Address by Hon. Wallace McCammett of Portland, on  
political issues, from Republican standpoint.

Evening.

7:30 p. m. Band Concert, court house plaza.  
8:00 p. m. Free open air attractions, court house plaza.  
9:00 p. m. Masquerade Street Parade. Everybody join in it.  
Grand Carnival Closing.

General Information.

1. Exhibits are shown at the Armory, headquarters of the fair, corner  
Church and Mill streets. Lectures, with demonstrations on Horticulture  
at the Armory on each day.  
2. Carnival Attractions running continuously on Main, Court and  
Mill streets.  
3. An Information Bureau has been established at the Armory; call  
there for Polk County booklets; for information as to hotel accommoda-  
tions, and rooming and boarding accommodations in private homes.  
4. The Livestock exhibit will be shown in the D. J. Riley building, on  
the corner of Main and Washington streets, in the rear of Emmerson &  
Nash's Furniture Store; the sheep, goats and swine on Main street, south of  
Court; the poultry, corner Main and Washington.

## Polk's Assessed Valuation For 1912 Shows Big Decrease

Showing a decrease in the assessed  
valuation of Polk county for the year  
1912 of more than \$15,000, the an-  
nual summary of the assessment roll  
of Polk county has just been issued  
by County Assessor C. S. Graves.

The only items showing an increase  
are improvements on deeded lands  
from \$955,880 in 1911, to \$912,210; in  
town and city lots from \$410,550 to  
\$420,580; farming implements from  
\$85,020 to \$87,970. The greatest  
slump in assessed valuation is shown  
in shares of stock. While the number  
of shares remain at the same figure,  
1350 for both years, the valuation de-  
creased from \$113,170 in 1911 to \$90,  
790 in 1912.

There have been decreases in the  
valuation of household goods, horses  
and mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine  
and dogs. In 1911 there were 5011  
horses and mules, valued at \$208,970;

In 1912 there are 5080 horses and  
mules, but their valuation decreased  
to \$201,660. There are 10 more head  
of cattle in the county than last year,  
but the valuation is \$1,560 less. There  
are 1,319 more sheep than in 1911,  
but their total valuation has de-  
creased from \$32,240 to \$29,200.  
There were 15,246 goats in 1911, with  
a valuation of \$18,440, and in 1912  
there were 14,334 with a total valua-  
tion of \$16,060. There were 22  
more swine in the county than in  
1911, but the total valuation thereof  
decreased \$1,090.

Dogs show the greatest falling off.  
There were 1038 in the county in  
1911, valued at \$12,090, but in 1912  
the total had decreased to 691, valued  
at \$7,280. This item in the assess-  
ment rolls has been showing a de-  
crease for three years. In 1910 the  
dog valuation was \$14,220.

Summary of Assessment Roll of Polk County, Oregon, for the Year 1912.		
Number of acres of land, 453,312.69. Value .....	\$	9,745,990
Improvements on deeded lands .....		612,210
Town and City lots .....		630,580
Improvements on lots .....		776,990
Improvements on land not deeded or patented .....		35,850
21 miles of electric light line .....		10,500
Manufacturing machinery .....		199,340
Merchandise .....		264,020
Farming implements .....		87,970
Money, notes and accounts .....		56,820
Shares of stock, 1350. Value .....		90,790
Household goods .....		153,520
Horses and mules, 5080 .....		201,660
Cattle, 6705 .....		121,550
Sheep, 13,912 .....		29,200
Goats, 14,334 .....		16,060
Swine, 3,421 .....		16,700
Dogs, 691 .....		7,280
Total assessment .....	\$12,149,109	
(Railroads, rolling stock, express companies, telegraph and telephone lines not included in above list.)		

conditions are unfavorable, in which  
event they will be held in the circuit  
court room of the court house.

**Carnival for Saturday Night.**  
It is now planned to end the fair in  
a hilarious burst of fun on Saturday  
night. This idea was suggested the  
first of the week, and it found instant  
favor with the people generally. Ev-  
erybody is invited to "get in the  
game" but rowdiness of every sort will  
be eliminated. Confetti and like  
stuff will not be permitted, but there

## War Harried Turkey Smitten By Severe Earthquake Shock



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ILL fortune seems to be pursuing the Turkish people relentlessly. Not  
only is the empire doomed to lose its African dominions to Italy, but  
its integrity is threatened by the border struggles and insurrectionary  
movements in the Balkans, and to heap up the measure of its ills a  
severe earthquake has devastated a large section of the country. The center  
of the disturbance, which resulted in the death and injury of thousands, was  
the district bordering the Dardanelles. The seaport of Gallipoli, the chief  
station of the Turkish navy, is in ruins, and many smaller towns have been  
wiped out. The photograph here reproduced shows the ruins of Ganos Horn,  
a village about forty miles from Gallipoli, where eighty people were killed.

## ASK HIGHER COURT SHIELDS TO SPEAK TO FIX SCRAP AGAINST IDEA

APPEALS TO CIRCUIT COURT IN  
ATTACHMENT SUIT.

Justice Court Rules Against Him in  
Suit Following Proceedings By  
Sheriff Grant in Crop Levy.

W. D. Wright has filed an appeal  
from the decision of the justice court  
in the action wherein he sued John  
M. Grant as sheriff, and Arthur Eak-  
er, for forcible entry and detainer.  
In the lower court a decision was  
rendered against him. The case has  
grown out of an attachment levied  
upon growing crops on land owned  
by Wright, but leased to Hoeselton,  
and was levied by an Independence  
firm to secure a claim against Hoeselton.  
Wright claims that the sheriff had  
no right to attach the property upon  
which he has first claim as landlord for alleged unpaid  
rent. The appeal has been brought  
in department No. 1 of the Polk  
county circuit court by John D. Turner  
and Oscar Hayer, attorneys for  
Wright. E. E. Scope, of Independ-  
ence, represents Grant and Eaker.

**Sues for Divorce.**  
In department No. 2 of the Polk  
circuit court Stella Maxwell has be-  
gun action for divorce from her hus-  
band, Frank Maxwell, according to  
papers filed on Thursday by Brown  
& Sibley, her attorneys. The couple  
were married at Wiggins, Colorado,  
November 19, 1908, and it is alleged  
that defendant "willfully and without  
just cause deserted plaintiff on Oc-  
tober 25, 1909, at Wiggins. There  
are two minor children, aged three  
and two years, respectively, and the  
plaintiff asks the court to give her  
custody of them.

## SILVER CUP FOR BERRIES

Hilhee Company Hangs Up Valuable  
Trophy For Best Exhibit of Straw-  
berries at Fair.

The Hilhee company, of Dallas, has  
offered a silver cup as a prize for the  
best exhibit of strawberries, and ev-  
erybody is invited to compete. There  
are several beds of ripe berries in  
Polk county, and a spirited and close  
contest for this trophy is expected.

The silver cup which the Clear  
View Orchards company will offer for  
the best exhibit of apples is now on  
display in the north window of the  
Fulmer pharmacy. There is every in-  
dication that the exhibit of horticultu-  
ral products will be commendable.

**Spraying.**  
Orchardists interested in spraying  
operations may see D. D. Peters' ma-  
chine in Dallas at Fred Wagner's  
shop, 415 Oak street, during the fair.  
Investigation is welcomed.

## SMOKES OLD TIME CIGAR

Sol Blessing Celebrates 63rd  
Birthday By Puffing on  
Weed 35 Years Young.

Enjoying the unique and novel  
experience of smoking a cigar  
almost half as old as himself,  
Sol Blessing puffed away on a  
35 year-old cigar Thursday,  
celebrating his 63rd birthday.  
Just 35 years ago when Sol  
was 28, Mrs. Blessing bought  
the cigar for him for a birthday  
present. When they moved  
from Indiana, she packed the  
cigar away in her trunk with  
other possessions and Thursday  
when she happened to look  
through the old trunk she found  
the cigar perfectly intact and  
just as good as it was 35 years  
ago.

## INCREASE NOTED IN ENROLLMENT

DALLAS SCHOOLS OPEN WITH  
FAVORABLE OUTLOOK.

High School Classes Show Big Lead  
Over First Day in 1911; New Equip-  
ment is Delayed in Arrival.

**Enrollment.**  
High School, 1912.....95  
Public School, 1912.....360  
Total.....455  
High School, 1911.....70  
Public School, 1911.....356  
Total.....426  
All figures are for opening of  
term.

With a total enrollment of 455, the  
largest in the history of the schools  
for an opening day, both the High  
School and the Public School of Dal-  
las began the fall semester on Mon-  
day morning under very favorable  
circumstances. Of this number 95  
enrolled in the High School, which is  
25 more than on the first day in 1911.  
The class schedules are practically  
filled.

Miss Maude McDonald, of Seattle,  
has been secured to fill the vacancy in  
the Science chair resulting from the  
resignation of Winifred K. Kerr, who  
has accepted the position of Domestic  
Science instructor in the Salem  
schools.

Miss Rose Sheridan will have  
charge of the Domestic Science  
classes.

Owing to a mistake in delivery, the  
equipment for the Domestic Science  
laboratory has not arrived and the  
classes are being held in reading  
rooms. The laboratory will be  
fitted within the next few weeks and  
work in this department will begin in  
earnest. Twenty students have en-  
rolled in this particular branch,  
which includes members of the Junior  
and Senior classes exclusively.

**New Recitation Room.**

A new recitation room is being fit-  
ted with equipment on the third floor  
of the building, which will be ready  
for use in a few days.

Principal Ford wishes to urge the  
parents to enroll their children as  
soon as possible, that the schedules  
may be made out in the different  
classes to conflict as little as possible.

At the public school the enrollment  
is 360, the largest class, as usual, be-  
ing the first grade with Mrs. Mor-  
rison in charge. Forty-six youngsters  
have already enrolled and it may be  
necessary to divide it.

## LOYAL ORDER OF "LIDS"

Dallas Sees Organization of New Se-  
cret Order; Organization Member-  
ship Restricted to Show People.

With a membership of 40 in good  
standing, the first lodge of the "Loyal  
Order of Lids" was organized in Dal-  
las Sunday by members of the Ar-  
nold Carnival company which has  
charge of the concessions for the  
Polk County Fair.

Officers of the lodge are Al Fisher,  
supreme lid; A. E. Drake, vice su-  
preme lid; Al Fisher, secretary and  
treasurer; Capt. Kerns, sergeant of  
lids. Membership is limited to show  
people only. The admission fee is 98  
cents and the dues are 98 cents per  
quarter.

One day last week while the show  
was in McMinnville, Al Fisher lost  
his collar button. He hid himself  
to a haberdashery to invest in an-  
other, and saw a hat in the window  
priced at 98 cents. He straightway  
invested in said lid, and the crazy  
spread until every male member of  
the Arnold company had a 98 cent  
lid. That's the excuse for the forma-  
tion of the L. O. L.'s but nobody  
can force the outcome.

Lodge No. 1 is unique in that it  
has the smallest lid in the world in  
the person of Major "Don" and the  
largest in "Buster" the fat boy.

**Boy Breaks Collar Bone.**

Johnny, the three-year-old son of  
Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney, fell from  
a pile of wood near his home yester-  
day afternoon and sustained a broken  
collar bone as the result. Medical aid  
was summoned and the little fellow  
will soon be out again.

## 91,000 FEET DAILY IS RECORD FOR ONE WEEK

DALLAS LUMBER AND LOGGING  
COMPANY HAS CAPACITY RUN  
DURING SIX-DAY  
SPURT.

BIG ORDER NEARS FINISH

But Half Million Left of Order For  
3,000,000 Feet For Pullman Car  
Company; Mill to Increase Capac-  
ity to 100,000 Feet During Annual  
Winter Shut-Down.

Maintaining an average of over  
91,000 feet a day for six days, the big  
plant of the Dallas Lumber and Log-  
ging company last week succeeded in  
establishing one of the largest con-  
tinuous runs in its history, and work-  
ed up to the full capacity of the mill.  
No attempt was made to equal or sur-  
pass former records, and only the  
usual force was employed in the usual  
way. But everything was favorable  
for a big run, with the result as  
noted.

The company is now busily engaged  
in filling its share of the large order  
sent by the Pullman company to Ore-  
gon lumber mills last spring. The  
local mill contracted to deliver about  
5,000,000 feet of the finest quality of  
fir for this order, and kept well up  
with the work until, at the present  
time, it has only about a half million  
yet to cut to finish the order. The  
specifications call for only the best  
grades of fir, and all of it ranks bet-  
ter than "common." It is used by  
the Pullman company in the con-  
struction of cars of all kinds, exhaust-  
ive experiments having convinced the  
company that nothing is better for  
their purpose than Oregon fir.

**To Make Improvements.**  
An extensive system of improve-  
ments is contemplated by the com-  
pany during the coming winter, ac-  
cording to Manager George Gerlinger.  
The mill will probably be shut down  
for two or three weeks immediately  
after the first of the year, to permit of  
the work being done. Some new ma-  
chinery will be added and general  
changes in the plant are contem-  
plated. It will be still further im-  
proved and brought up to date, with  
the idea of increasing its capacity to  
at least 100,000 feet daily. All lum-  
ber mills usually shut down following  
the Christmas holidays, for various  
periods to make improvements and  
generally overhaul and repair the  
plants, and the Dallas company pro-  
poses to take advantage of the shut-  
down to increase the efficiency of the  
installation.

## YOUNG LAD IS INJURED

Emerson Murphy Falls Beneath the  
Wheels of Heavily Loaded Wagon;  
Front Wheel Passes Over Body.

Falling from a wagon load of wood  
Emerson, the 12-year-old son of J. A.  
Murphy, living southwest of the city,  
on the Falls City road, was seriously  
injured last Friday afternoon about  
3 o'clock when the front wheel of  
the heavily loaded vehicle passed  
over his stomach, rupturing internal  
organs and producing hemorrhage.  
Medical aid was summoned from  
Dallas and the boy was given  
temporary care at his home and af-  
terward was brought to the Dallas  
hospital where he was operated on  
late Friday night.

Emerson was sitting on the seat  
with his father, and on the wagon at  
the same time, was Mrs. Murphy and  
another son, Vernon. In going down  
the rocky hill grade south of the old  
Hughes farm, one of the front wheels  
struck a rock, throwing Emerson off  
the load, almost under the horses' feet,  
and before the wagon could be  
stopped the wide-tired front wheel  
passed over his body. A stretcher was  
procured and neighbors assisted Mr.  
Murphy in carrying the injured boy  
home. Before reaching there, how-  
ever, Dr. Bollman, who had been sum-  
moned from Dallas, arrived in his  
auto, and the boy was taken home in  
the machine. Drs. Staats and Star-  
buck were summoned by Dr. Bollman  
and, accompanied by Miss Hayes, a  
trained nurse from the Dallas hospi-  
tal, they reached the Murphy place  
soon afterward, prepared to operate  
there if necessary. After a consulta-  
tion, however, it was decided to take  
the boy to the hospital and he was  
carried to Falls City and placed  
aboard the train for Dallas.

His condition is reported as favor-  
able and it is expected that he will  
fully recover from the accident.

## Rooms Wanted.

All people who have rooms  
that they will rent for two or  
three nights to fair visitors are  
urged to communicate with Wal-  
ter L. Toome, Jr., at once. If the  
weather is favorable the hotels  
of Dallas will not be able to care  
for the crowds, and it is urged  
that the people respond and  
open their homes to the visitors.  
It isn't a question of price—it is  
the rooms that's wanted.